

Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) is a regional wastewater treatment agency and wholesale distributor of imported water and recycled water. Through its member agencies, IEUA is responsible for serving approximately 830,000 people over 242 square miles in western San Bernardino County. IEUA is committed to investing in our water supply for today and tomorrow through fiscal responsibility, efficient business practices, water supply management and environmental stewardship.

What is it?

- Monthly sewage charge on all connections to the regional wastewater system. This is in addition to the local sewage rate charged by the retail service provider.

What does it cover?

- Costs to operate and maintain the regional wastewater system facilities and infrastructure, including debt.
- It does not cover expansion of existing system or construction of new facilities.

What is the benefit?

- Regional collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater, including the production of high quality recycled water and premium soil amendments.

ADOPTED EDU VOLUMETRIC RATE

WASTEWATER	EXISTING	ADOPTED EDU VOLUMETRIC RATES				
Fiscal Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
EDU Volumetric, \$/EDU	\$14.39	\$15.89	\$17.14	\$18.39	\$19.59	\$20.00

EDU = an equivalent dwelling unit is the measure of a customer's impact on the wastewater system as a ratio to the impact of a typical single family residence.

**WHY DOES THE EDU MONTHLY VOLUMETRIC RATE
NEED TO BE INCREASED?**

- i **Current rate does not fully recover costs** to collect, treat and dispose of municipal wastewater, or essential rehabilitation and replacement (R&R) costs needed to maintain the regional wastewater system.
 - o *A \$11 million deficit is estimated in fiscal year 2014/15.*
- i How has the deficit been covered to date and why is this not sustainable?
 - o *Property taxes have historically been used to subsidize the EDU rate which helped to keep the rate low and avoided necessary increases.*
 - o *A more prudent use of property taxes is funding of capital investments to expand and improve the regional wastewater and regional water systems.*
- i As a regional wastewater provider, IEUA has a responsibility to ensure no interruption in essential services resulting from an unexpected reduction in revenue streams.
- i **With growth increasing**, population is expected to reach **1.2 million within 20 years**.
- i Nearly **\$108 million of capital investment** is planned over the next 10 years, including the relocation, rehabilitation and expansion of several regional wastewater facilities.
- i **\$50 million in delayed R&R projects** due to the economic downturn need to be implemented.